

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Coroners' Education Board
Office of Attorney General
Basic Death Investigation Course
April 26 – May 1, 2004
Pennsylvania State Police Training Center
Hershey, Pennsylvania**

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Course Outline

Monday April 26

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| 8:00A – 12:00P | Operation of Coroner's Office | Coroner Michael Norris |
| 12:00P – 1:00P | Lunch | |
| 1:00P – 2:00P | Practical Photography | Lieutenant Phfall |
| 2:00P – 3:00P | Digital Photography | Lieutenant Phfall |
| 3:00P – 5:00P | Forensics at the Death Scene | Detective John Fallon |

Tuesday April 27

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| 8:00A – 10:00A | Toxicology/Drug & Alcohol Deaths (Poisons in the home) | Robert Middleberg, PhD |
| 10:00A – 12:00P | Toxicology in Children | Robert Middleberg, PhD |
| 12:00P – 1:00P | Lunch | |
| 1:00P – 2:00P | Legal Aspects of Coroner's Office | Ronald W. Costen, PhD, Esq. |
| 2:00P – 5:00P | Practical Problems & Solutions for the Coroners Office | Coroner Michael Norris |

Wednesday April 28

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| 8:00A – 12:00P | Death Scene Investigation from Coroner's Perspective | Coroner Scott Grim |
| 12:00P – 1:00P | Lunch | |
| 1:00P – 2:00P | Time of Death | Isiadore Mihalakis, MD |

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| 2:00P – 3:00P | Natural Deaths | Isiadore Mihalakis, MD |
| 3:00P – 4:00P | Motor Vehicle Deaths | Isiadore Mihalakis, MD |
| 4:00P – 5:00P | Fire Related Deaths | Isiadore Mihalakis, MD |

Thursday April 29

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| 8:00A – 10:00A | Forensic Odontology | Richard Scanlon, DMD |
| 10:00A – 12:00P | Forensic Evidence Collection | TBA |
| 12:00P – 1:00P | Lunch | |
| 1:00P – 4:00P | Blunt/Sharp Trauma & Neuropathology | Isiadore Mihalakis, MD |
| 4:00P – 5:00P | Long Term Care Legal Issues and the Coroner's Office (Act 28) | Ronald Costen, PhD, Esq. |

Friday April 30

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| 8:00A – 9:15A | Asphyxia/Drowning & Electrocutation Related Deaths | Ian Hood, MD, JD |
| 9:15A – 10:15A | Therapeutic Misadventure/ Perioperative Deaths | Ian Hood, MD, JD |
| 10:15A – 12:00P | Mass Disasters & Identification Techniques | Ian Hood, MD, JD |
| 12:00P – 1:00P | Lunch | |
| 1:00P – 2:00P | Mass Disasters & Identification Techniques (Continued) | Ian Hood, MD, JD |
| 2:00P – 3:00P | Gun Shot Wounds | Gary Ross, MD |
| 3:00P – 5:00P | Child Deaths | Gary Ross, MD |

Saturday May 1

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| 8:00A – 9:00A | Sex Related Deaths | Gary Ross, MD |
| 9:00A – 11:00A | Forensic Autopsy | Gary Ross, MD |

11:00A – 12:00P Test Review

12:00P – 1:00P Lunch

1:00P – 3:15P Exam